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Dear Member of the Fire Services,

We are happy to share with you some positive news about benefits to the fire services from the 2007 Legislative Session. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and your organizations proposed several initiatives this legislative session and we are happy to report great success! It is only with the support of your organizations and the teamwork displayed that such a positive outcome was possible. We have listed some highlights below:

Senate Enrolled Act 472 (Authored by Senators Tom Wyss and Earline Rogers, Sponsored by Representatives Scott Reske, Dick Dodge and Dan Stevenson)
<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2007/PDF/SE/SE0472.1.pdf>

- Creates a Regional Public Safety Training Fund to provide regional and advanced training for public safety service providers (\$2 Million appropriation per fiscal year over the next two years)
- Creates the Fire Training Infrastructure Fund
- Expands the uses for the State Disaster Relief Fund.

Senate Enrolled Act 561 (Authored by Senators Ryan Mishler, Pat Miller, Sponsored by Representatives Linda Lawson, Dave Wolkins)
<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2007/PDF/SE/SE0561.1.pdf>

- Allows for the streamlining of training requirements for firefighters joining paid departments
- Eliminates the requirement for taking the Mandatory Firefighter Training course if you complete the Firefighter 1 & 2 Courses

Additional Miscellaneous Legislation

- House Enrolled Act 1058 (Authored by Representative Bob Bishoff, Sponsored by Senator Brent Steele) Allows for the transfer of property to a volunteer fire department
<http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2007/PDF/HE/HE1058.1.pdf>
- Senate Enrolled Act 45 (Authored by Senator Richard Bray, Sponsored by Representative Linda Lawson) Make it a Class D Felony, for a person to place blood or another body fluid or waste on a probation officer, firefighter or first responder while the victim is engaged in the performance of official duties. <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2007/PDF/SE/SE0045.1.pdf>

IDHS is committed to a continued partnership with you as we move forward on the implementation of these pieces of legislation. Should you have specific questions regarding the legislation listed above, please feel free to contact one of us for additional information. Additionally, please visit our website at www.in.gov/dhs for updated or additional information.

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